

spouse's last FBI assignment location to their hometown. In addition, the expenses of preparing and transporting the remains of the deceased to their final places of interment will be provided by the federal government.

For over a century the FBI's primary goal has been to protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats, to uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and to provide leadership and criminal justice services to federal, state, municipal, and international agencies and partners.

To accomplish these goals, the FBI has 56 field offices, 400 satellite offices, 62 international offices, and 14 legal attaché offices. With investigative programs including counterterrorism, cybercrime, civil rights, and organized crime, the FBI must continually update their techniques, strategies, and programs. FBI Special Agents and Professional Staff are rotated through these many offices to continue their training and to fill the FBI's staffing needs and investigative priorities.

Proof of their success is clearly shown in the 2006 indictment, arrest, and conviction of Fadl Mohamad Maatouk, a resident of Orange Park, Florida who was convicted of conspiracy to provide material support to Hezbollah. The FBI has also been instrumental in the investigations of the Oklahoma City bombing, multiple World Trade Center attacks, the assault on the USS Cole, and the attacks of 9/11.

These successes come at a price beyond the dangers in the field. FBI families, like military families, are under a great deal of stress. When a person chooses to serve in the FBI, every family member is affected. Every person experiences not just the benefits but also the downsides—the relocations, the long periods of separation, the not knowing if your spouse, dad or mom is in danger. Spouses and children must make new friends, enter new schools, find new employment, and try to adjust to new environs almost every three years. They do this while always knowing that their loved one, who has chosen to help defend the country, could be in the line of fire—maybe not today, but maybe tomorrow. It is a burden the family shoulders. I believe this legislation will in some small way lighten that load.

FBI agents and other employees make a choice to engage in a career that is vital to our national security. They understand that there are dangers, but still they make the choice to do their part to defend our country. My colleagues and I in the House unanimously agreed to this legislation because I believe we must honor those who have served and paid the ultimate price.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2009

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, due to inclement weather that kept me from flying back from Wisconsin in time for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3288 (Rollcall No. 931), H. Con. Res. 199 (Rollcall No. 932), H. Con. Res. 206 (Rollcall No. 933),

H. Res. 940 (Rollcall No. 934), H. Res. 845 (Rollcall No. 935), H.R. 2278 (Rollcall No. 936), H. Res. 915 (Rollcall No. 937), and H. Res. 907 (Rollcall No. 938).

A TRIBUTE TO SAN SAN LEE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of violinist San San Lee.

San San Lee was born in Taipei, Taiwan and raised in Michigan and Wisconsin since the age of one. Ms. Lee received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Oberlin College Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio and a Masters of Music degree from the Juilliard School on scholarships.

As a winner of the Oberlin Concerto competition, her performance of the entire Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the Oberlin Orchestra was broadcast on WOBC and classical station WCLV-Cleveland. Ms. Lee toured as a member of the Juilliard Orchestra in Japan, China and Hong Kong which included live radio and television broadcasts. Her primary teachers included Margery Aber, Dorothy Mauney, Stephen Clapp and Joseph Fuchs. She also studied at Moscow's Tchaikovsky Conservatory with Sergei Kravchenko and Eduard Grach during their International Summer Festival and with Serban Lupu at the International Summer Festival in Todi, Italy.

As a winner of the Artists International Auditions, Ms. Lee performed her debut recital at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall and was further invited to perform on their Alumni winners series. By invitation, she also performed a recital on the "Live from the Elvehem" series that was broadcast live on Wisconsin Public Radio in Madison, WI. Her numerous solo and chamber performances took place at Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium, Merkin Hall, The American Landmark Festival, Harvard Club, The United Nations Auditorium, U-Penn, Texas Christian University, Louisiana State University, amongst others. Her solo & chamber performances span throughout the United States, Europe, Russia, and Eastern Europe. Ms. Lee has been invited as violin clinician teaching at Suzuki violin, chamber workshops and institutes nationwide. She teaches privately and has recently joined the violin faculty at the Riverdale Country School. Ms. Lee has been a member of the violin faculties at the School for Strings since 1990 and at Juilliard's Music Advancement Program since 1991, serving as their first departmental strings chair.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing a renowned violinist, San San Lee.

IN HONOR OF THE BRIDGEVILLE FIRE COMPANY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute

to the Bridgeville Fire Company for 100 years of outstanding service to the people of Delaware. The importance of emergency fire and medical services within our communities cannot be emphasized enough. I am proud to represent a state that is home to such selfless and dedicated firefighters, EMTs, and service volunteers as those of the Bridgeville Fire Company in Bridgeville, Delaware.

The Bridgeville Fire Company was born from a tradition of strong community involvement, and the Company has kept that tradition alive through the years. The fire department was organized on December 14, 1909 in the old Opera House. Ira Lewis, William E. Dimes, and Howard E. Hardesty were appointed to secure the necessary membership to incorporate what is known today as the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Over the next 12 months, plans were drawn and approved for the first building, at a cost of \$1,100. Since then, the Bridgeville Fire Company has steadily grown into a pillar of strength within the community.

A century later, I would like to recognize and honor all the current and former members of the Bridgeville Fire Department for their service to our community, including: President Allen Parsons; Vice President Steve McCarron; Secretary John Tomeski, Sr; Treasurer Pete Stephens and Fire Recorder Malhon Baker. Their efforts inspire others and I am honored to highlight the positive influence that they have had throughout Delaware and beyond.

On this anniversary I would also like to once again commend the Bridgeville Fire Company for 100 years of exceptional service. The bravery and hard work of its members past and present and of its dedicated ladies auxiliary make Delaware a safer place to live, and I wish them all the best on this momentous occasion.

HONORING BEECH HIGH SCHOOL BUCCANEERS ON WINNING THE 2009 TSSAA CLASS 5A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2009 Beech High School Buccaneers for winning the TSSAA Class 5A State Football Championship.

I commend Beech High School Head Coach Anthony Crabtree and Assistant Coaches Jim Campbell, Darrell Keen, Patrick Duffer, Keith Powell, Kerry Jackson, Ryan Harris, Cody Brummett, and Principal Frank Cardwell.

These young men completed their season by defeating the Columbia Lions in a 47-33 win in the Blue Cross Bowl on Friday, December 4. The hard work and dedication this season brought the Buccaneers to the school's first state championship. Max Zinchini, Junior, was the defensive MVP with five tackles and two interceptions.

I congratulate each player of the 2009 5A State Champion Buccaneer Team: Dwayne Fleming, Daniel Richardson, Lincoln Kenitzer, Max Zinchini, Deshaun Tarkington, Taylor Peoples, Jarod Neal, Justin Cherry, Brock